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Roll Call: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

Mayor Kovach welcomed the public to the public meeting and explained how the meeting will be run by reading the following statement :

NJSA 10:4-8(b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Recently adopted P.L. 2020, c.11 amends OPMA to clarify that in times of emergency public bodies may vote, accept public comment and cause a meeting to be open to the public via electronic means.

The Town of Clinton is a public meeting as well as using ZOOM Video Meetings. Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded for the public record.

Please use the chat feature in ZOOM to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment or a question. You must provide your name and address to be recognized. You can also type in your questions. Feel free going forward to email councilmeeting@clintonnj.gov with any questions or concerns between meetings.

Please feel free to reach out with a note at jkovach@clintonnj.gov anytime!

COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES The Town is offering residential ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic an installment plan for any Town of Clinton Water and Sewer arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. Please visit the Town’s website for more information. You can also contact the Sewer or Water Collector at (908) 735-8616. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is providing financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills. Residents can apply online through the DCA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the minutes of April 27, 2022 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Humphrey to approve the monthly reports for the month of April as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kovach thanked everyone for accommodating her this evening by having a meeting on zoom. Mayor Kovach is attending the Conference of Mayor's in Atlantic City.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #22-05 – WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to introduce Ordinance #22-05 as submitted:

**WATER UTILITY
CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 22-05
CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY, IN THE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER
UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$400,000.00 FROM THE
WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Clinton in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to make the following improvements to the Water Utility in, by and for the Town, including all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
Meter Test Bench	\$ 11,000.00
Neptune 360 Software & Equipment	12,500.00
New Backhoe	140,000.00
Leak Detection Equipment	8,000.00
SCADA Upgrades – Wells 1 and 11	20,000.00
10' Enclosed Trailer	7,500.00
New Service Truck	200,000.00
Miscellaneous Costs	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$400,000.00

Section 2. The aggregate sum of \$400,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund for Water Utility Improvements within the Town of Clinton Water Utility to the payment of the cost of the improvements as described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Water Utility having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget of the Town of Clinton Water Utility is hereby amended to conform with provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 5. This capital ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of May 18, 2022. A public hearing will be held June 8, 2022.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #22-06 – CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to introduce Bond Ordinance #22-06 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #22-06

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$98,550 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$93,623 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Town") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$98,550, and further including the aggregate sum of \$4,927 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$93,623 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) <u>Police Department:</u> Acquisition of various equipment, including a			

solar speed monitor sign, solar LED crossing signs and equipment for a new vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$24,350	\$23,133	10 years
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b) Fire Department:

(i) Acquisition of turn out gear, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$14,375	\$13,656	5 years
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(ii) Acquisition of a LED scene light upgrade, buddy breather packs and a Scott RIT-Pak III with 30-minute bottle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$36,075	\$34,271	10 years
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**c) Streets and Roads/
Buildings and Grounds:**

Acquisition of a lawn mower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$13,375	\$12,707	5 years
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d) Administration:

Acquisition of computer equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$10,375	\$9,856	5 years
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TOTAL:	\$98,550	\$93,623	
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The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear

interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 8.06 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$93,623, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to

payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A summary of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition, May 18, 2022. A public hearing will be held June 8, 2022.

RESOLUTION #80-22 – TERTIARY TANK REHABILITATION PROGRAM

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #80-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 79-22

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
WWTP TERTIARY TANK REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Town of Clinton has the need to appoint an Engineer for the Tertiary Tank Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Consulting Engineers has been recommended by Town of Clinton Sewer Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby appoints Suburban Consulting Engineers for the Tertiary Tank Rehabilitation Program at an amount not to exceed \$17,900.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #81-22 - REALLOCATE SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #81-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION #81-22
REALLOCATE SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility has certain Capital Reserve Funds; and

WHEREAS, from time to time those funds are no longer required for the specific projects they were intended; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility wishes to use the following Capital Reserve Funds for Sewer Utility Improvements;

Reserve for Public Works Equipment - \$51,042.00
Reserve for Future Replacements - \$43,061.00
Reserve for Pole Barn - \$45,000.00
Reserve for Collection System Replacement - \$50,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton requests that the Chief Financial Officer reallocate \$189,103.00 from the Capital Reserve Funds listed above for Sewer Utility Improvements to the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #82-22 – LEAK DETECTION PROJECT

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to adopt Resolution #82-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 82-22
RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
2022 LEAK DETECTION AND MICRO WATER LOSS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Town of Clinton has the need to appoint an Engineer for the 2022 Leak Detection and Micro Water Loss Program; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Consulting Engineers has been recommended by Town of Clinton Water Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLOVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby appoints Suburban Consulting Engineers for the 2022 Leak Detection and Micro Water Loss Program at an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #83-22 – CLUB LICENSE – HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #83-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 83-22
ISSUANCE OF A NEW CLUB LICENSE
HUNTERDON ART MUSEUM
A NJ NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton amended the Town Code to allow for two (2) Club Licenses in the Town's Downtown Commercial C-1 Zone District; and

WHEREAS a Club License may only be issued to organizations, corporations or associations with specific qualifications, a bona fide club with sixty (60) members or more; and

WHEREAS they must operate solely for benevolent, charitable, fraternal, social, religious, recreational, athletic or similar purposes and not for private gain and holds non profit status; and

WHEREAS the organization must have been in active operation for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to time of submission for a license and must be in possession and use of a clubhouse for at least three (3) continuous years prior to submission; and

WHEREAS the Chief of Police has reviewed all pertinent information and the background checks of members in charge have been completed and all is in order; and

WHEREAS the appropriate fees have been paid to the State of New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control and the Town of Clinton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that the Hunterdon Art Museum, A NJ Not for Profit Corporation, located at 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, NJ 08809, be granted a Club License that must be renewed on an annual basis, license runs July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #84-22 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to adopt Resolution #84-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 84-22

WHEREAS, the Construction Office of the Town of Clinton has received an overpayment for following block and lot,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
22	10	Ken Fischer	\$ 75.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Construction Office remove the overpayment on Permit #2022-0061.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #85-22 – HOLIDAY INN LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Traphagen, to table Resolution #85-22 to the May 25, 2022 Council Meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #86-22 – EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CO-OP

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #86-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CLINTON
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION #86-22**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022 the governing body of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Clinton.

Pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provision of the Local Contract Law (N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #87-22 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #87-22 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 87-22

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayments for the following block and lots,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Centralized Refunds, P.O. Box 9202, Coppell, Texas, 75019-9978, for the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
31	7 C0115	Hidalgo-Naranjo, Lili	\$ 472.81
31	7 C0119	Reed, Huiting	\$ 959.90
31.01	7.01 C2919	Cubberly, Karen	\$ 817.57
31.01	7.01 C2923	Boukema, Amanda	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayments on the above block and lots for the 2nd quarter 2022.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. United Way of Hunterdon County has distributed their Impact Report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022. Copy in Clerk's office for anyone interested in reviewing.
2. Jessica Latanzio-Crespo, Middle School Coordinator, 7th and 8th Student Council Advisor, has reached out to request fee waivers for the fire and health permit fees for a food truck event "Kickoff to Summer Literacy Night" June 9, 2022. Fire permit \$54 and food truck \$125.00. \$100 county fee to be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson to waive the requested fees.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried
3. Hunterdon County NAACP kick-off event in Flemington, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2022. Chief Kubinak said he will have representation there from his department.

4. A proclamation has been prepared for Pastor Cho at the United Methodist Church, celebration on May 21, 2022.
5. Proclamation for Paul Smith, Eagle Scout, for his celebration May 22, 2022.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilwoman Dineen

Buildings and Grounds / Road Committee – continue waiting to hear from CenturyLink about relocating the poles to move ahead with the sidewalk project in front of the Clinton Fire Department. Mayor Kovach said if we do not hear soon, she may have another contact with Lumens.

Haver Farm project, waiting to hear from Town Engineer, Bob Clerico, on numbers and base maps. Once received will go through finance and an ordinance will be prepared for that part of the project. The committee decided to purchase services through the State for the tree removal part of the project and a resolution is forthcoming.

Chief Kubinak has been receiving complaints of illegal left turns coming out of Shammy Shine. Mr. Phelan will reach out to NJDOT for additional signage.

Four new trash cans have been purchased for Main Street.

Line Striping for the Town – getting quotes from Denville Line Painting for a project.

Leaf collection with Grow a Row was very successful and will be done again in September!

Safety strap buckle and harness for the ADA swing at the Community Center has been ordered.

A scout working towards his Eagle Scout badge is interested in making a new kiosk, such as the one at the Water Street lot, to be placed at the Lower Center Street. Councilman Traphagen is helping the scout.

Land Use Board – 2-8 Main Street (aka Gulbrandsen Building) is looking to square off the building and bring it back to the original look, seeking variance and minor site plan. 43A (aka Annie's Building) seeking waiver of site plan to change from retail to a restaurant. Ansuya public hearing, Marriott, mixed use, restaurant, 21 room boutique hotel and bar plus 1,200 sq. ft. office building, hearing May 17, 2022.

Councilman Traphagen

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. the South Branch Rescue Squad hosting an Open House. Vehicle extrication, water rescue demonstration and give aways!

June 11, 2022 Garden Party fund raiser, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Center Street, \$100.00 per person, funds to be used for façade program. The Smerillo family, West Main Street, was awarded \$1,000 for restore the window restoration project.

Councilwoman Johnson

School Board – meeting next week.

Booster Club fund raiser was very successful! Thanks again to Pro Activity Base Camp 31, The Town Restaurant, Clinton Public School. Brainstorming continues for cool events for fund raising for the playground project. A new website with QR codes for folks to donate for the project will soon be available.

Ms. Johnson asked about the Town Wide Garage sale and if tables will be available at the Municipal Building. The sale will be Saturday, June 4, 2022, rain or shine. No fee, no map, but it will be advertised in the newspaper and signs will be displayed throughout town.

Police Chief Kubinak

Chief Kubinak reported on a crossing guard that has returned to work again for Town and another who has submitted his application. One will go through a refresher course and the other will begin his training!

Chief Kubinak said he will have someone from his department attend the NAACP of Hunterdon County's Induction Ceremony on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stangl Factory in Flemington.

A new officer is currently in the academy and will graduate in June.

Councilman Perloff

Guild and Recreation – held their meetings on Cinco di Mayo! Home Tweet Home contest is this coming weekend, May 15, 2022 on Main Street. Drop off entries tomorrow or Friday to the ReMax office on Main Street, judging will be done Sunday! The Guild is on board with working together with scheduling some events at the Community Center and they will be reaching out to Guild members as well as businesses on Old 22. The Guild is finalizing the new 2022 brochure and redesigning their website. The Guild is also working on anniversaries of shops and ribbon cuttings in connection with the Economic Development Commission and the Mayor. The Guild is asking Chief Kubinak to stop by on Friday, May 13, to discuss safety measures for Music on Main and the foot traffic.

Recreation Commission – discussed the process of the trust fund and Community Center discussions on how to utilize the fields and the center. Laura Burr is talking about possibly CCYA forming a kick ball league, but all are in early stages. Recap of the egg hunt, 2,000 easter eggs were filled and distributed! Thanks to Kristina Tuxhorn and the committee! Town Picnic scheduled for September 10, rain date September 17, 2022. Committee has begun booking vendors and still looking for a firework company. Booking the community center is a challenging process but seem to be getting better. All applications are different and have to be addressed on an individual basis but seems to be working out.

Councilman Humphrey

Newsletter – articles are due by Sunday evening, May 15, 2022.

Clinton Fire Department reported 25 calls for the month of April, 92 year to date. CFD is handling the staffing for the 51 Alliance over this weekend. Mr. Humphrey asked Ms. Olsen if she heard from them regarding insurance and will follow up with the department.

Clinton Fire Department held their meeting April 4, 2022. Anthony Durante is up for a full membership. Mr. Humphrey asked for a motion, motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to accept Anthony as a full member, seconded by Ms. Dineen.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Grill Nights are returning! First will be Friday, May 20 and the Platinum Club will be attending as well, enjoying burgers and Friday Fun Night!

Sunday, June 5, 2022 will be the Platinum Brunch at the fire department 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thomson's will be donating desserts! The Club is seeking sponsors and would like to set up a vendor area where attendees can learn about nutrition, wellness, exercise etc. Open invitation to committees or commissions to bring brochures, etc. Seniors from out of town are encouraged to join for a nominal fee.

Environmental Commission –Met May 9, 2022, the Commission continues to discuss making it mandatory for residents to have garbage cans with lids to avoid debris flying around and wishes to have an ordinance introduced soon. The proposed will be circulated prior to introduction for feedback. A suggestion of an activity being done in another municipality is “Sparkle Week” where residents put out used furniture and items and others are invited to pick and recycle!

Meeting held on May 10 was a vibrant meeting and folks are interested in joining the group. Messrs. Humphrey and Perloff are interested in extending the membership from the current 8 members. Two citizen involvement forms have been received from interested parties, Suzanne Pisano and Devon Stone. The two are welcome to attend the public meetings until an amendment can be made to the ordinance regarding membership.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is now the new name for the County EDC. There is a \$5,000.00 economic grant available through the County Commissioners to promote tourism and possible programs such as the superhero run but to expand it to fun events for adults as well. The committee is asking for ideas from the committees and commissions to bring back programs and foot traffic to Town. EDC is also asking for stories from folks who have moved into Town and why they chose Clinton. The Committee wants to collect and share stories through social media and promote the new branding “Falling in Love with Clinton” and to build contact through regional magazines both verbally and visually. The strategy of signage, thank you for Councilman Traphagen for working with a scout interested in building a new kiosk and an alternate location.

Mr. Humphrey also asked for assistance in the Keller Williams clean up day, May 12. Locations where bags of debris will be left are DeMott Pond, Hunts Mill and Alton Place dumpster.

Mayor Kovach

New Jersey Film Commission – Canne edition of Variety Magazine has a section on filming in New Jersey and will forward the link to the clerk for distribution to council. The Red Mill is featured on page 64.

Councilman Bruno

Shade Tree – Arbor Day celebration was held April 29, 2022 at Hunts Mill Park. Tree dedicated to John and Kathy Madden. Third graders enjoyed their participation and all left with seedlings. Shade Tree Commission discussed making changes in the ordinance. Two residents have reported dangerous trees that need to be removed on their property on Busher Place and the ordinance says they have to get approval from the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Dineen asked the Shade Tree Commission to look at the dead tree in front of Ye Olde Sub Base on Main Street and asked they get a price to replace it. Mr. Bruno stated due to the budget they may not be able to replace it. Mayor Kovach suggested donations or sponsorships. Mr. Perloff said he can discuss this with the Guild.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of April 14 through April 28, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Mr. Bruno, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bruno, Dineen, Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Janice Kovach, Mayor